Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A very warm welcome back to Term Three at Narrabeen Lakes Public School; I trust that you all had happy and enjoyable holidays with your children.

Kindergarten 2015

As I have indicated in previous newsletters, enrolments are very much open for Kindergarten 2015. However, we need to firm up numbers with the Department of Education very soon, so if you are intending to send your child to this school next year, please enrol now. For those of you seeking more information, there is a school tour for new parents at 9.30am on Wednesday 6 August.

Education Week Open Morning

We have a fantastic showcase of student talent for you at our Open Morning to celebrate Education Week at 9.30am on Tuesday 29 July. For full details, please see the flyer in this newsletter.

At our Donate-a-Book Fair, family members will also have the opportunity to purchase a book in the library to donate to the school. This is a wonderful way to supplement our library collection (plus the students get very excited seeing their names in the front of the book after it has been purchased and donated).

125th Anniversary Celebrations

You may have seen the recent article in the Manly Daily about our anniversary plans. We are now finalising details of two major events for Week 9 of this term to celebrate our 125th year. Keep the morning of Wednesday 10 September and the evening of Thursday 11 September free in your diary. All will be revealed very soon! I’m sure you will admire the new anniversary logo atop the newsletter designed for us by Andrew Myers.

Curriculum Focus: Comprehension

Our focus in Teaching and Learning for the past year has been on reading comprehension, and specifically on inferential comprehension. At our recent staff development day, teachers continued a series of professional learning sessions to build their skills and understandings in this critical area of the reading process.

In Term Three last year, we set ourselves the target of seeing “75% of students improving by two clusters or more on the literacy continuum in 12 months”. In Week 6 of this term, we will be assessing the children to measure their progress. We look forward to sharing the results with you soon.

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Here is an excellent website link for further information on developing comprehension with your child:

I have also attached a one page ‘Comprehension Strategies’ information sheet for your information that may help you when assisting your child with answering comprehension questions.

21st Century Learning
You will be aware that Narrabeen Lakes has developed a much stronger focus on the use of technology in the classroom with our purchase of a bank of 32 iPads and an iPad Mini for every classroom teacher. We anticipate purchasing a further 24 iPads for the students this year. iPads do not replace pencil and paper but provide another tool for students and teachers that is HIGHLY engaging for all. Furthermore, the iPads’ versatility and ease of use enables our teachers to transform the classroom learning from teacher-centred to student-centred, by designing activities that encourage active and deep learning. Walk around our classrooms where the iPads are in use and you will see and feel the positive ‘buzz’ as students engage enthusiastically with their lessons.

At our staff development day, teachers continued on-going professional learning about how to effectively integrate this technology into their teaching practice and impart the key 21st century learning skills, known as the 6Cs: making connections, creating, collaborating, communicating, critical thinking, and digital citizenship.

Term Calendar
All our key dates for the term are on the attached Term Three Calendar.

Mathletics is a web-based learning program which integrates home and school learning via the internet. It covers all years of schooling and is currently used in over 3000 Australian schools. Over 100,000 students access Mathletics every day. Your child has 24 hour access to Mathletics by using a unique user name and password. We recommend that you spend time looking at the program so that you can gain the greatest understanding of how Mathletics will benefit your child.

Benefits of Mathletics:
• Live Mathletics – students compete live against students from around the world in mental arithmetic
• Full K - 12 curriculum coverage – revise for exams, cover gaps in learning, extend bright students
• Support Centre – step by step animated support for every maths concept
• 24/7 access – learn anytime, anywhere
• Teacher and Parent feedback – highly visual results and guidance towards areas that need attention.

Thank you
I would like to thank Mr Mike Newton and his team of arborists for helping us out with the maintenance of the beautiful collection of trees that we have on our school grounds. As lovely as they are, the trees do need regular trimming to ensure the safety of the environment for all who use the school grounds.

School Disco
The end of term disco was a HUGE success. It was superbly organised by a wonderful team of dedicated parents and the children had a great time celebrating the end of a term. Thank you to Alison Crawford and her team for all their organisation and effort.

Recorder Group at Opera House
Congratulations to our six students who represented the school so well at the recent Festival of Instrumental Music at the Opera House. Thank you to Miss Garden and Mrs Jeffrey for their outstanding work with the group.

Peter Catt 1950-2014
Peter Catt, a previous principal of this school from 1993-1995 passed away on Friday 4 July. Our deepest sympathies to his family at this sad time.

Wishing you all a very happy and successful Term Three.

Andy Rankin
Principal
PITTWATER SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Alyssa B and Nathan C participated in the Pittwater Short Story competition at the end of last term. Alyssa's story was in the top 16 finalists. She was invited to the awards ceremony at Berkelouw Books at Mona Vale. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement, Alyssa.

BAND MATTERS

Welcome back to Term Three, I hope everyone had a great break and they are looking forward to getting back to band.

We have a few performances booked in for this term. Please make a note of the dates so the children can bring their instruments to school. These dates are for the COMBINED BAND:

- **TUES 29 JULY** – SCHOOL OPEN DAY
- **THURS 31 JULY** – Performance at War Vets Village – there will be a note coming home with your children very soon, please look out for it.
- **FRI 19 SEPTEMBER** – End of Term assembly.

If I can be of any help at any time, please contact me on 0434 395 460

Tracy Grainger
A special thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help the night run smoothly, especially Marco Franse who brought along his St John’s Ambulance skills and first aid kit for the entire evening (and helped clean up!!!)

Regards,
Alison Crawford (Parent Club)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ISABELLE W, IVY MAE, LAYLA, CHARLI D, MAY S, INDI W, AND FERN, WHO ALL PERFORMED AT THE COMBINED SCHOOLS OPERA HOUSE CONCERT ON THE 24 JUNE.

The children had a very busy day, leaving school at 9:30am for a full rehearsal and then performed at 7pm to a full audience in the Concert Hall

The children were beautifully behaved and had a fantastic day in the city representing Narrabeen Lakes School.

Well done, girls!

Miss Garden & Mrs Jeffrey
Let’s Celebrate Education Week!
Narrabeen Lakes Public School’s
Open Day

Tuesday 29th July 2014
9:30 am - 11:30 am

Timetable of Events:

9:30 – 10:15: Performances outside the hall
- Dance groups
- The School Band
- The Recorder Group
- Public Speakers
- Choir

10:15 – 10:55: Open Classrooms, Science Room and Library
Visit your child’s classroom. Take a look at our wonderful science room. Come and see our terrific library.

10:55 – 11:30: Morning Tea
You are welcome to join your child for morning tea at school.

11:30 am: Open Day concludes

Donate-a-book Fair
Open from 8:00am – 12:00 noon
Throughout the open day morning you are welcome to visit the library with your child to select new books, from the display, to purchase and donate to the library.

Devonshire Tea will be available from the canteen 9:30- 11:30.
Optional coin donation

We look forward to sharing a wonderful morning celebrating the hard work and learning of our students.
LIBRARY NEWS

‘Donate-a-Book Fair’

8 am – 12 noon on Tuesday 29 July, 2014 (Education Week)

Parents/grandparents/friends are invited to view a large selection of BRAND NEW BOOKS, on display in the Library, whilst visiting the school on Open Day.

Any books selected are paid for and donated to our school Library (no need to bring in books from home or purchase books from a shop, for this day!!!).

A donation slip is then glued into the front of each book, displaying the child’s name and class. The donating child is the first to borrow the book/s, during their next Library lesson.

This is a wonderful way to supplement our Library collection (plus the students get very excited seeing their names in the front of Library books!!).

Premier’s Reading Challenge

All reading logs must be entered online by Friday 29 August – about 6 weeks still to go. Parents, please make sure you are keeping a list of the books read by your child, each week, for the PRC.

Warringah Young Writers’ Competition

Any topic or theme, but must include the word ‘voices’. Closes Friday 22 August. Entry forms from Mrs Machar in the Library.

Vicky Machar
Teacher/Librarian

STEWART HOUSE SCHOOL CLOTHING APPEAL 2014

We are taking clothing donations for Stewart House once again.

Please bring your filled bags back to the office by FRIDAY 18 July.

Thank you for your donations.
Comprehension strategies to use at home

These comprehension strategies are mental processes that effective readers use as they are reading in order to understand what they have read. As readers, we often use these strategies without even realising it. By making these strategies more obvious to your child, they will be able to use them when they come across new and challenging texts.

Good readers use these strategies as they read - before, during and after reading. They can also use different strategies at different times depending on what they are reading (e.g. novel or report) and why they are reading (e.g. an assignment or for pleasure). No two readers will use exactly the same strategies at the same time.

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| Predicting         | We use information from the text, images and our own experience to try to predict what might happen next, how the characters might respond or what the outcome might be. |

| Questioning        | We ask and then answer questions that help clarify the meaning of the text, and also help us consider deeper meanings. |

| Monitoring         | If we are reading a text and something doesn’t make sense, we know it’s okay to stop, reread and think about it to try and understand the meaning. |

| Visualising        | We paint a picture in our head of the things that are being described and explained in the text. |
|                   | Visualising brings the text to life, engages the imagination and uses all of the senses |

| Summarising        | We notice the most important things in the text, and can then put them together in our own words to describe what we have read. |

Discuss these strategies with your child when working through a reading task at home.
Breanna, Elley, Kade, Nick and Millie attended the PCS NAIDOC Week sleepover at the end of Term 2. It was such a fun night! It opened with an Art Exhibition featuring works from each of the PCS schools after a fantastic Welcome to Country. NLPS students joined with other PCS students to enjoy weaving, dance, bush tucker, planting, didgeridoo lessons, painting and traditional Aboriginal games.

After sausage sandwiches and a scavenger hunt the children retired to the tents they had erected earlier in the afternoon. Early on Friday morning a delicious breakfast was supplied before the race was on to pack the tents and equipment away and get back to school to enjoy the last day of term.

Thank you NLPS students for your terrific behaviour and participation.

Many thanks to Bunnings for donating bush tucker plants and to Transfield for their amazing help and donation.

Sue Mayo

Our tent was wet. It took ages to go to sleep. The scavenger hunt was fun.

Breanna

We had hot chocolate. The boys did dancing. The girls did weaving. We made stone axes and we sharpened the stones by rubbing them on wet stone.

Elley

We learnt circular breathing for the didgeridoo. We had to blow bubbles into a cup of water through a straw while we were breathing in. It was hard. The scavenger hunt was fun. The circular breathing was hard and also fun. The people who were dancing were really cool too.

Kade

It was fun making the axes. It was fun braiding the grass to tie the axe onto the stick.

Millie

The Travelling Art Exhibition will be at Narrabeen Lakes during Week 10.
# Narrabeen Lakes Calendar

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